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TO AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 84216 ACTION BANGKOK DATED 13 APR 75

QUOTE

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AIDAC

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:

SUBJECT: GKR PL 480 RICE IN PIPELINE

FOR AMBASSADOR DEAN

1. AFTER RECEIVING YOUR COMMENTS WE PROPOSED TO SEND FOLLOWING CABLE TO USAID SAIGON. BELIEVE IT PRUDENT TO ACT SO WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PROMPT COMMENTS.
2. ALSO PLAN TO CABLE VESSEL OWNERS REQUESTING GKR RICE NOW ON HIGH SEAS BE PASSED TO CONTROL USAID REPRESENTATIVES AT DISCHARGING PORTS SAIGON, HONGKONG OR SINGAPORE AS APPROPRIATE. APPROXIMATELY 35,000 TONS RICE NOW ON HIGH SEAS CONSIGNED GKR.

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3. WHILE U.S. DOES NOT HAVE CLEARLY SPECIFIED RIGHT TO ASSUME CONTROL OF RICE, WHICH LEGALLY BELONGS TO GKR, OAR PROPOSAL WOULD BE A PRACTICAL STEP TO PROTECT OUR INTDRSTS IN EVENT ANY ATTEMPT MAY BE MADE TO ASSUME CONTROL OF RICE

FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN THOSE INTENDED IN PL 480 SALES AGREEMENTS.

4. RICE WOULD REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT TO GKR IF AND WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.

5. PROPOSED TEXT FOLLOWS:

"THE RAPIDLY CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES AND CURRENT UNCERTAINTY OF THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA INCREASES THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PL 480 RICE NOW IN SAIGON TRANSHIPMENT SITES OUT CONSIGNED TO SONEXIM, GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC PER BILLS OF LADING, CANNOT REPEAT CANNOT BE SAFELY DELIVERED AND USED FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THEY WERE AGREED TO BE FURNISHED UNDER THE CURRENT PL 480 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE U.S. AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC. WE WISH TO KEEP RICE AVAILABLE FOR DELIVERY PHNOM PENH IF CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT BUT TO TAKE PRUDENT STEPS TO ASSURE THAT IT IS HANDLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORIGINAL PURPOSES OUTLINED IN THE SALES AGREEMENT. THEREFORE, WITH RESPECT TO KHMER TRANSHIPMENT RICE STOCKS IN SAIGON PLUS ANY OTHER CONSIGNED SONEXIM WHICH MAY BE OFF LOADED AT SAIGON IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO ASSUME SUCH CONTROL, TO INCLUDE COORDINATING THE PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL COSTS, IF ANY, INVOLVING HANDLING, STORAGE, DIVERSION, ETC., THUS ENSURING RICE IS DISPOSED OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY AID/W." KISSINGER
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